



Team Cumberland

April 13, 2023

Barbara Smith, Southeastern

Daniel Rabon, USACE (unable to attend)

Washington Update

Federal Hydropower Council Update

Administration Personnel Highlights

DOE

- Jennifer Granholm: Secretary
- David Turk: Deputy Secretary
- *David Crane (nominee): Under Secretary for Infrastructure (former NRG utility executive)*
- Dr. Kathleen Hogan: Principal Under Secretary for Infrastructure



Army

- Mike Connor, ASACW
- Jaimee Pinkham, PASACW



USACE

- MG William “Butch” Graham: Moving to Deputy Chief of Engineers and Deputy Commanding General (May 2023?)
- MG David Hill: Incoming Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations
- Eddie Belk: Director of Civil Works



Legislative & Other Ongoing Efforts:

- SEPA FY 2024 Appropriation Request
 - Transmitted to Congress in March. Routine request. \$95M requests nets to \$0. PPW represents 91%; PD 9%.
 - Ongoing Congressional Budget Office scoring issue with PPW off-setting collections. FY 2023 enacted at request level; constrained FY 2018-FY 2022.
 - Hearing rumors that a full year Continuing Resolution may be likely for FY 2024.
 - No PMA/SEPA specific appropriation hearings. House Energy & Water Development Chaired by Fleischmann TN.
 - Anticipate a PMA/SEPA budget oversight hearing in the House Natural Resources Subcommittee Hearing on Water, Wildlife and Oceans in May 2023.
- Water Resources Development Act of 2024
 - We understand drafting is already underway.
- House Passed Energy, Permitting, Infrastructure Legislation in March
 - Will bipartisan federal-permitting deal be possible?
- SEPA Support for DOE Transmission Studies
 - Federal reimbursable work; no cost to customers.
- Status of Supplemental Funding (IIJA/DRSAA) and Joint Cost Accounting Issue
 - Focus continues to be on administrative solutions. However, we understand legal issues have stalled progress on recommendations put forward by a Corps-only steering committee related to the FHC working group.
 - The pending GAO audit on the subject, authorized in WRDA 2022 and expected to begin later this year, could provide guidance and assistance for the Corps to move forward on the issue.

Federal Hydropower Council (FHC)

- Last meeting was held on Sept. 29, 2022 (in-person)
- Next Meeting: April 19, 2023 (virtual)
- In-person meeting is planned for Aug/Sept. 2023. Will mark the 7-year anniversary of the effort.

					
Federal Hydropower Council MEETING AGENDA Virtual April 19, 2023 Start Time: 1:00 ET (length: 2 hours)					
DOE Attendees			USACE Attendees		
Melissa Andia Advisor, Under Secretary for Infrastructure Department of Energy			MG Batch Graham Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations		
Joel Cook Chief Operating Officer Bonneville Power Administration			Eddie Bell Director of Civil Works		
Virgil Hobbs			Thomas Smith Chief, Operations & Regulatory		
Administration			TBD		
Administration			Commander		
Super Great Plains Administration			Great Lakes & Ohio River Division		
Administration			TBD		
Administration			Commander		
Administration			Mississippi Valley Division		
Administration			TBD		
Administration			Commander		
Administration			Northwestern Division		
Administration			TBD		
Administration			Commander		
Administration			South Atlantic Division		
Administration			TBD		
Administration			Commander		
Administration			Southwestern Division		
Administration			Daniel Rabon Manager		
Administration			National Hydropower Program		

Purpose

This is a biannual meeting where, the Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) senior leaders discuss the current state of the federal hydropower program, and share ongoing and emerging issues related to Federal Hydropower and the following areas of interest:

- Acquisition and Delivery Process
- Joint Cost Allocation and Charging Practices
- Water Storage Reallocation and Crediting
- O&M Cost Reduction and Efficiencies
- Federal Hydropower Communications

FHC Topics for April 19, 2023



Proposed Federal Hydropower Council (FHC) Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Introductions (Tom Smith) (5 minutes)
2. Opening Remarks (15 minutes)
USACE (MG Graham)
Department of Energy (Melissa Ardis)
3. USACE Updates (Daniel Rabon) (35 minutes)
 - a. Supplemental Funding
 - Transformation Case Studies
 - Cost Accounting
 - Storage Reallocation
 - and Open Discussion (PMAs/All) (50 minutes)
 - Protection/Targeting of Critical Grid Assets
 - and Effect to Hydropower Rates from Rising Costs
 - Summary, and Closing Remarks (MG Graham) (15 minutes)

3. USACE Updates (Daniel Rabon)
 - a. Supplemental Funding
 - b. Digital Transformation Case Studies
 - c. Joint Cost Accounting
 - d. Water Storage Reallocation

4. PMA Updates and Open Discussion (PMAs/All)
Potential Topics:
 - a. Force Protection/Targeting of Critical Grid Assets
 - b. Impact and Effect to Hydropower Rates from Rising Costs